



Standards & Assessment

CAHSEE Notes

California Department of Education

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Upcoming Test Administrations

There are two remaining administrations of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for the 2007-08 school year. Below are the remaining administration dates and their corresponding ordering deadlines, as well as the dates by which local educational agencies (LEAs) can expect to receive their individual student results.

The 2007-08 CAHSEE Project Calendar, which contains all test material ordering, Pre-ID, and supplemental shipment deadlines, is posted on the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Web page at <http://www.ets.org/cahsee/> (Outside Source) under "Scheduling." Questions about ordering deadlines should be directed to ETS at 1-800-241-5687.

Important Information regarding School and Grade Identification (SGID) Sheet

When returning materials, the answer documents should be batched together by grade level. Note that each grade has a separate color coded School and Grade Identification Sheet (SGID).

- Grade ten – blue
- Grade eleven – teal
- Grade twelve – burgundy
- Adult – green

Revised Test Variations Matrix

The California Department of Education (CDE) has recently updated the Testing Variations, Accommodations and Modifications Matrix. The main change is that the English Learner testing variation matrix is now a separate document from the Matrix of Test Variations,

Administration Date	Ordering Deadline	Pre-ID Deadline	Late-Pre-ID Deadline	Return of Test Results
March 11-12, 2008	January 28	February 6	February 22	May 5
May 6-7, 2007	March 24	April 2	April 22	June 26

Accommodations and Modifications for Administration of Statewide Assessments, October 2007 (Matrix 1). The English learner testing variation, accommodation and modification matrix can be found at the following CAHSEE Accommodations and Modifications Web page: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/accmod.asp>.

Grade Twelve Students

The 2007-08 state budget allowed for seniors to take the CAHSEE up to five times this year. Next year's budget has not been finalized; therefore, it remains unclear if next year's grade twelve students will be afforded the opportunity to take the CAHSEE up to five times.

2006-07 Apportionment Information Report Waiver Requests

If a district or charter school did not return a signed 2006-07 CAHSEE Apportionment Information Report to the CDE by the December 31, 2007, deadline, the district or charter school may apply for a waiver of the deadline to be approved by the State Board of Education (SBE). The CDE cannot release payment of the apportionment funding for late reports without a waiver approved by the SBE. The State Testing Apportionment Information Report Waiver form can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/documents/december31.doc>. The general waiver request

to the SBE is a formal document and requires local board approval, a public hearing, and union participation as per *Education Code* Section 33050 et seq. The CDE mailed the 2006-07 CAHSEE apportionment reports to district superintendents and charter school administrators in September 2007. Accordingly, the CDE has processed reports that were received by the December 31 deadline and payment will be forth coming.

If you have questions regarding the waiver request process, please contact Judy Pinegar, Manager, Waiver Office, at 916-319-0823 or by e-mail at jpinegar@cde.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding the CAHSEE Apportionment Information Report, please contact Shari DalPorto, Analyst, CAHSEE Office, at 916-319-0357 or by e-mail at sdalporto@cde.ca.gov.

Approval of Revisions to the California High School Exit Examination Regulations

On December 20, 2007, the Office of Administrative Law approved the CAHSEE regulations proposed on May 11, 2007. There are two CAHSEE regulations that will begin with the CAHSEE administration in March 11-12, 2008. All other CAHSEE regulation changes are effective immediately.

Effective Administration	<i>California Code of Regulations, Title 5</i>
March 2008	Introduce a fee for local educational agencies (LEAs) that order excessive test materials (Section 1202).
March 2008	Require LEAs to submit unlisted accommodations and modifications to the California Department of Education (CDE) for review and approval (Section 1218).

Attention CAHSEE Teachers Needed

In February, Human Research Resource Organization (HumRRO) will be recruiting English-language arts (ELA) and math teachers to participate in a review of the CAHSEE. When HumRRO contacts you please nominate ELA and math teachers to participate in this mid-April workshop.

More Information

Additional information about the CAHSEE is available on the CAHSEE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. Questions about the CAHSEE can be directed to the CAHSEE Office at 916-445-9449. For Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) or Academic Performance Index (API) information, please contact the CDE's Academic Accountability Unit at 916-319-0863.